### Town of Georgetown, IN

### Ordinance # G-08-11

## AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND CANVASSERS

# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA THAT:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Georgetown seeks to replace Ordinance Number G-78-05 with an updated version.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Georgetown seeks to regulate peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers within the town limits.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Georgetown seeks to provide a means for peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers the means to obtain a license to sanction the practice of such acts within the town limits on an individual basis.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

- 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of hawker or peddler of any merchandise, article or thing without having first secured a license therefor.
- 2. It shall also be unlawful for any person to engage in business as canvasser or solicitor, calling at residences without previous consent of the occupant for the purpose of soliciting orders, sales, subscriptions, or business of any kind, or seeking for information or donations without having first secured a license.
- 3. Applications for licenses as peddlers, solicitors or canvassers shall be made to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office of the Town of Georgetown, Floyd County, Indiana. The fee for said license is ten dollars (\$10.00) payable to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Georgetown, Floyd County, Indiana. Those business, organizations, or corporations which have filed under 501C3 as exempt are exempt from paying the ten dollar (\$10.00) licensing fee.
- 4. The applicant shall give his or her complete identification, his or her signature, the name of his or her employer, the nature of the product or services in which he or she is interested, the names of the manufacturers of such products, or of the organization he or she is representing, a complete copy of sales tax information, proof of general liability insurance, and the proposed method of operation in the town. The applicant shall state

the description and the number of vehicles, if any, intended to be operated, in peddling, soliciting, or canvassing in the Town of Georgetown, Floyd County, Indiana.

- 5. If the application is denied, it can be appealed through a written appeal filed with the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- 6. Penalties for soliciting, peddling and/or canvassing without a license issued by the Town of Georgetown, Floyd County, Indiana are as follows:
  - a. First Offense is a fine of \$250.00
  - b. Second Offense is a fine of \$1,000.00
  - c. Third Offense is a fine of \$2,500.00

Each offense's fine must be paid to the Town of Georgetown, Indiana Clerk-Treasurer's Office within ten (10) days of being issued to the offender. Failure to pay the fine within the allotted ten (10) days will result in prosecution of the offender in the Floyd County Courts. Offender will be held responsible for the unpaid fine amount and all Court costs to pursue the prosecution of the action in the County Courts, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees.

7. No peddlers shall ply his vocation on any street, sidewalk, park, parkway or in any other public place in the Town of Georgetown, Floyd County, Indiana, unless his or her peddler's license specifies that peddling in such public place is permitted thereunder.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, this 15 day of April,

2008.

SILLY STEWART, PRESIDENT

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ATTEST:

DOUGLAS COOK, CLERK/TREASURER